

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Wilson Announces Funding for Housing and Energy Projects from the Recovery Act

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency have released nearly \$37 million in Recovery Act funds for rebates and projects within Ohio.

ENERGY REBATES

According to the Ohio Department of Development, the U.S. Department of Energy has approved Ohio's proposal to use \$11 million in Recovery Act funds for the Ohio Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. This program is meant to increase interest and sales of energy efficient appliances, specifically ENERGY STAR qualified products.

Starting in 2010, Ohio consumers can take advantage of significant rebates on ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, and water heaters.

"These rebates will help replace over 89,000 outdated, inefficient appliances across the state of Ohio," Wilson said. "By significantly lowering our energy and water consumption, we will also be able to lower people's electric bills—something everyone can appreciate."

SOLAR POWER

According to the Ohio Department of Development, \$13 million in Recovery Act funds are going to the State of Ohio's Energy Program. Specifically, Solar Vision LLC in Athens County is set to receive \$631,637. The funding will go toward installing a 220 kW photovoltaic solar array system on four carport structures in the parking lot of the Athens City Community Center.

"The construction of these solar panels will create jobs, create energy, and lower costs for the residents of Athens. That's good for our economy both short-term and long-term," Wilson said. "I'm glad to see Recovery Act funds supporting renewable energy."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

According to the Ohio Finance Agency, the State of Ohio is set to receive \$13 million dollars in Recovery Act funds to build and improve existing affordable housing units. Within Ohio's Sixth District, Plains Plaza in Athens County will be awarded \$2,013,934 in Tax Credit Exchange (TCE) financing to rehabilitate 60 units of affordable housing.

"I'm pleased to see the range of projects being funneled into my district by the Recovery Act," Wilson said. "These funds continue to put us on the right track to financial growth and stability."